lacs. In respect of a manufacturer producing goods falling under more than one heading of the Central Excise Tariff, the exemption limit will be Rs. 30 lakhs. The relaxations with regard to the licensing requirements and procedural formalities have also been announced.

Smuggled goods, seized at Bombay and Delhi airports

1149. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total value of smuggled goods seized at Bombay and Delhi airports during the last financial year;

(b) what are the comparative figures for the financial years 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(c) what is the number of persons apprehended in this connection and how many of them are the employees of Air India/Indian Airlines: and

(d) what are the details of the action taken against those who were apprehended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The total value of the contraband goods seized, number of persons arrested (indicating Air India and Indian Airlines employees arrested separately) in connection with smuggling activities, at Bombay and Delhi Airports during the year 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86 is given below:—

Year	Bombay Airport			Delhi Airport		
	Value of goods seized (Rs. in crores)	Number of persons arrested	Air India/ Indian Airlines employees arrested	Value of goods seized (Rs. in crores)	Number of persons arrested	Air India/ Indian Airlines employees arrested
1983-84	6·92	247	5	1·68	140	3
1984-85	9·37	432	8	6·88	103	..
1985-86	20·99	702	4	6·69	198	4

(Figures for 1985-86 are provisional)

(d) Stringent action is taken against persons found involved in smuggling activities, both departmentally as well as through prosecution in Courts. Apart from confiscation of smuggled goods and imposition of personal penalty, preventive detention under the COFEPOSA Act is also resorted to in appropriate cases.

Deposits in the Banks

1150. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of total deposits in the scheduled commercial banks in the country at the end of financial year 1985-86;

(b) what is the total amount advanced by such banks as loans during the year 1985; and

(c) what is the total amount refunded or returned to the banks till March 31, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Aggregate deposits and advances by way of gross bank credit of all scheduled commercial banks as on 28th March, 1986

stood at Rs. 84719 crores and Rs. 55506 crores respectively.

(c) The present data reporting system does not yield information in the manner asked for.

Import of horses for breeding purposes

1151. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to stop the import of horses for breeding purpose; and

(b) if not, what is the justification for continuing the import of horses for breeding purpose while the Indian horse breeding industry has come of age?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Import of stallions/broodmares for breeding purposes is allowed by registered stud farms on a limited scale so as to improve the quality of thoroughbred horses produced in the country. Stoppage of imports will hamper improvement of stock.

CBI report regarding bogus draft advances by the Punjab and Sind Bank

1152. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has submitted its report regarding the bogus draft advances cases of the Punjab and Sind Bank branch office, Mota Singh Nagar, Jalandhar (Punjab);

(b) if so, whether in the report major penalty has been recommended against the Zonal Manager, Amritsar;

(c) if so, whether Government have considered the recommendation and taken any decision thereon;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The Hon'ble Member is perhaps referring to the case registered by the CBI relating to bogus truck advances made at the Mota Singh Nagar (Jalandhar) branch of Punjab & Sind Bank. The bank has reported that it has received the CBI's report in this case.

(b) to (e) Punjab & Sind Bank has reported that in so far as the then Zonal Manager, Amritsar, is concerned, the report of the CBI was received by the bank very recently. The matter is under examination of the bank for further necessary action.

closure of textile mill

1153. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of textile mills in the country including the Empress mill at Nagpur in Maharashtra are facing closure;

(b) what is the number of workers affected by such closures;

(c) whether any steps have been taken for the creation of rehabilitation fund for the welfare of the affected workers;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any second thought on the question of Government's policy not to take over sick textile units in view of the prevailing situation and undue advantage taken by the employers resulting in large scale unemployment?